

Main Street Reisterstown Program

Minutes

Location/Date: Reter's Crabhouse, Reisterstown - July 1, 2013

Attendees: Amy Mantay, Mary Molinaro, Brad Reter, Dan Carey, Shirley Smith, Ernie Schmidhauser, Officer Willis, Jennifer Cook, Tony Baysmore, Jonathan Schwartz, Glenn Barnes, Paul Davolos, Calvin Reter, Irwin Kramer, Dave Powers, Elias Rizakos, Kathy Gambrell, Stephanie Boston, Karen Saab, Pat Brooks, Mark Shapiro, Michael Brown

Amy started the meeting with the committees' reports:

Mary said that the **organization committee** has not met recently. She hopes that Amy will call a steering committee shortly to talk about the goals of each committee and then this committee can start working on the budget that will be needed this fall.

Paul said the **economic restructuring committee** met this morning and the county is putting the final touches on the packet of information to be handed out the property owners and business owners when visiting. Amy said they acquired a new loan program to add to the packet. She hopes to send a .pdf by Friday and will followup after delivering the paperwork. Amy said she spoke with the owner of Tonino's who seemed receptive to the architect on call program. With the county programs after getting rendings, he may become eligible for \$30,000.00 for each property. This process takes time but she feels she is seeing renewed interest.

Amy said that the **promotion committee** will be meeting in the next week or so. They are still adding businesses to the Buy Local program. The most recent are Haley's and Iced Gems. She has completed the flier for the July Calendar. She gave Kathy a couple of the Baltimore Best signs to put in the street directories.

Irwin said that the **design committee** hasn't had another meeting. Amy said the MHT inventory update from the one done in the '70s will happen the last week of July. Anyone interested can walk along and Amy will advise when she hears the date is scheduled.

Dan said the **clean, safe, and green committee** met this morning and there aren't any crimes to report. Kinsey gave birth to Ellison Rose and she was 7lbs8oz. Both are doing well. Kevin Kowitz isn't on the committee anymore as he moved to Pittsburgh.

Glenn told everyone that most of the street lights have their panels and light bulbs replaced and they look much brighter. They look like new.

Kathy gave an update on Music on Main Street and said it has been quite a success with 250-300 people the first night and 350-400 people the 2nd concert. Fun had by all. Glenn talked about the next band HYJINX having a new lead singer that was just performing on the last season of American Idol.

Amy said that she contacted the SHA about the Adopt a Road program and they are still checking. The MTA doesn't clean up the bus stops. They expect the community to do it. She is still talking about the bricks from the streetscape done in the 70's which are sinking and overrun with weeds. She is trying to get a joint effort between the state and the county. Karen said she would be happy to help Amy navigate the agency since she just retired from there on Friday after many years of service.

Pat mentioned the accident that happened at Bond and Main Street. She feels that putting up signs about not parking so close to the intersection will assist drivers in seeing both directions. Sometimes people park in the bus stop and its impossible to see around them.

Jennifer Cook talked about the upcoming “Ladies Evening Out” – there is no cover charge and free champagne as you enter. There are also massages, makeup and jewelry and it benefits the American Breast Cancer Foundation. She isn’t ready to announce the Raven who will be at her autograph signing event. There is an Agility Camp for kids between 8 and 17 to be held at Sandymount Elementary School. Also, a reminder about the 5K run at Oregon Ridge August 24th. Sponsorship packets are available. It will be a great trail run and she needs students who are looking for service hours to assist with the day. She is also putting together “Goodie Bags” for each runner so if any business owner has information please give it to Jennifer and she’s happy to put it in the bags.

Paul asked about the MD Department of Housing Sustainability Application. Amy said it was originally due in May but the deadline has been put off until the fall. Calvin asked for a description of the committees.

Ernie told everyone about the National Night Out celebration, Tuesday, August 6th which will be held in the lower section of the Chartley Shopping Center from 6:30 – 8:30pm. It is a combined effort of police and community and a lot of the tables provide information to everyone about health and safety. There will be free Chicken Nuggets and drink for everyone who signs at the information table.

Summer events

Clean-ups –August 3rd , 9am – 11am.

Meet at Reter’s Crabhouse

The Gathering – Pending

Music on Main Street –June 21st – August 23rd 7- 9:30pm

Lawn at Franklin Middle School

Farmers Market –Sundays, June 2nd to October 6th 10am-2pm

358-360 Main Street .

Calendar of Events/Promotions

Need July events

Merchant outreach

Promotions Committee

Buy Local Campaign

Facebook/website (on-going)

Over 360 friends view our Facebook posts!

The next meeting will be held at Reter’s Crabhouse, Monday, July 15 , 2013 at 10am.